

AS Shield 336 also has features stamped and formed in it for making electrical connection. A contact tail 330 is attached to a tab 852. Tab 852 is bent such that when shield 336 is attached to insulator 820, the contact tails 330 of the shield 336 are aligned with the contact tails from the signal contacts. As described above, the contact tails are intended to make electrical connection to signal traces within a printed circuit board.

*In the Claims:*

Please amend claim 35 as follows:

35. (Amended) An electrical connector, adapted for use in a matrix assembly comprising:

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- a) a first plurality of wafers, each wafer comprising a column of signal contacts, each signal contact having an intermediate portion, a contact tail, and a mating portion, each of the wafers further having a insulative portion encapsulating the intermediate portions of the signal contacts;
  - b) a first housing holding the wafers in parallel with the mating portions held in a first planar array;
  - c) a second plurality of wafers, each wafer comprising a column of signal contacts, each signal contact having an intermediate portion, a contact tail, a mating portion and curved portion having at least two opposing curves joining the intermediate portion to the mating portion, each of the wafers further having a insulative portion encapsulating the intermediate portions of the signal contacts and leaving the curved portion un-encapsulated;
  - d) a second housing holding the insulative portion of the second plurality of wafers in parallel;
  - e) a cap connected to the contact portions of the second plurality of wafers, the cap holding the contact portions in a second planar array of dimensions matching the first planar array.